

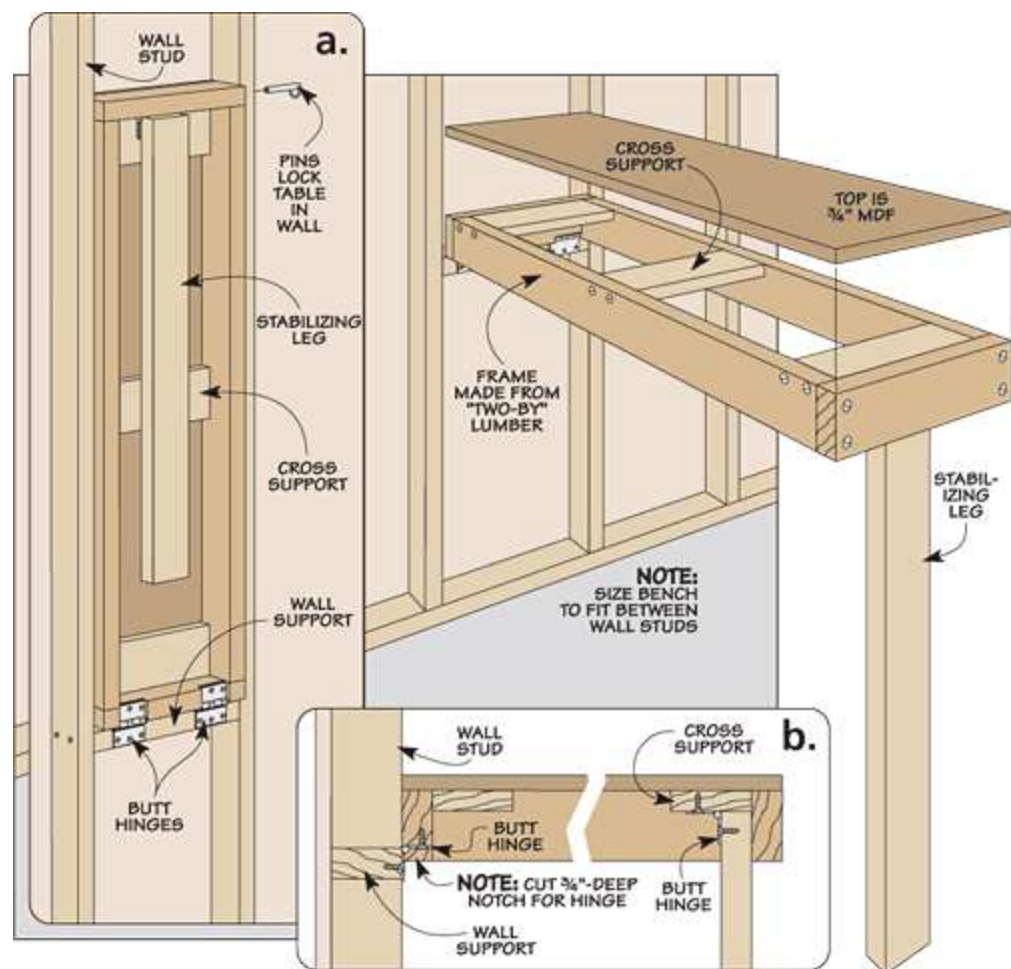
Woodsmith Tips

Weekly tips from the editors of *Woodsmith* and *ShopNotes*

Hide-Away Workbench

Workspace is at a premium in my small shop. So I built a workbench that folds down from the wall like an ironing board.

I made it sturdy enough to handle most tasks. But best of all, it folds away into the wall when I don't need it.



The workbench is easy to build. In the drawing above, you can see it's sized to fit into the space between two wall studs. The top is simply a piece of 3/4" MDF.

A 2x4 wall support between the studs provides an anchor point for the bench. And a pair of hinges fastens the bench to the wall support. This makes it easy to pull the bench down and store it away again.

A stabilizing leg, attached to the end of the workbench with a hinge, can be quickly lowered to support the bench. The leg folds out of the way when the bench is stored in the wall, as illustrated in detail 'a.'

Good Woodworking,

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